

**AVOCADO INSPECTION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
OCTOBER 2, 2002**

A meeting of the Avocado Inspection Committee (AIC) was held on Wednesday, October 2, 2002 at 10:00 a.m., at UC-Cooperative Extension (Fair Grounds) in Costa Mesa, California with the following people present:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Roger Essick, Chairman
Carlos Vasquez, Vice Chair
Phil Henry
Bob Lucy
John Lamb
Mark Wollam
Doug King

OFFICIALLY PRESENT

Donella Boreham
Jim Covey

GUESTS

Mary Lu Arpaia
Reuben Hofshi
Ross Wileman
Bob Bednar
Mark Borchard
Rob Wedin
Scott Scarbrough
Albert Munoz
Mike Sanders
Chris Dryden

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

CAC STAFF

Val Weaver
Guy Witney

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Roger Essick called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: *The Avocado Inspection Committee (AIC) approves the Minutes of the May 10, 2002 meeting, as submitted.*

(Vasquez/Lamb) MSC Unanimous

AVI CRANE RESIGNATION:

Chairman Essick informed the committee that Avi Crane has resigned. The Chairman called for nominations. Bob Lucy (Alternate Handler) was nominated to serve the rest of Avi Crane's Handler term and Ross Wileman was nominated to serve out Bob Lucy's alternate handler term.

MOTION: *The AIC approves Bob Lucy to serve the rest of Avi Crane's (handler) term and Ross Wileman to serve the rest of the (alternate handler) term and recommends to the California Avocado Commission (CAC) Board that the following persons be submitted for approval by the Secretary of Agriculture:*

*Bob Lucy Handler
Ross Wileman Alternate Handler
(Henry/Vasquez) MSC Unanimous*

CDFA UPDATE

Proposed Fee

Donella Boreham presented members with a proposed fee decrease from the current crop year (2001/2002) 15 cents per hundredweight to 13 cents per hundredweight for the crop year 2002/2003, based on an estimated 400 million-pound crop year. This crop year's estimated ending fund balance is \$370,000 (October 31, 2002). With the proposed fee decrease in 2002/2003, the ending fund balance on October 31, 2003 is estimated at \$214,621.

Motion: *The Avocado Inspection Committee (AIC) approves the 2002/2003-certification fee of 13 cents per hundredweight. (Vasquez/Lamb) MSC Unanimous*

Proposed Budget

Ms. Boreham presented members with the proposed budget of \$567,600 for the Avocado Inspection Program 2002/2003 crop year beginning November 1, 2002. The proposed budget is based on a fee of 13 cents per hundredweight. The total budget for the year (including CDFA Budget of \$126,779 approved May 10, 2002) will be \$694,379.

MOTION: *The Avocado Inspection Committee (AIC) approves the 2002/2003 Avocado Inspection Program (AIP) budget of \$567,600 as submitted, based on a fee of 13 cents per hundred weight. (Vasquez/Lamb) MSC Unanimous*

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MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Essick adjourned the meeting at 12:00 Noon

Respectfully submitted,

James Covey, Avocado Inspection Program, Supervisor